

Remarks

In the last Office Action mailed April 1, 2005, the drawings of the application were objected to for failing to show all of the subject matter of the invention recited in the claims. Specifically, it was contended that the subject matter of claim 12, which was added to independent claims 13, 18, 19, 21, and 22 was not shown in the drawing figures. Corrected drawings sheets were required showing the subject matter of these claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the invention recited in original claim 12 and recited in pending claims 13, 18, 19, 21, and 22 is shown in original drawing Figures 11 and 12. It is pointed out that the subject matter of these claims includes a band having an elongate length with opposite first and second end edges. It is not required in any of the claims that the band end edges be free end edges. The scope of the claims includes a band having an end edge that is joined to another band. To illustrate this feature of the invention, new drawing Figures 13 and 14 are provided herein.

New drawing Figure 13 is identical to original drawing Figure 11 except that one line segment has been added to the drawing in the upper left-hand portion of the drawing. This additional line segment separates a band of the apparatus from the other band or bands of the apparatus. This separated band clearly has opposite first and second free end edges, a plurality of angled portions between the first and second end edges, and a plurality of sections of the band length between the first and second end edges where the band sections are separated from each other by the angled portions of the band.

In a like manner, new drawing Figure 14 is identical to original drawing Figure 12, except that an extra line segment has been added to the upper right hand portion of the apparatus. This extra line segment separates a band from the remaining band or bands of the apparatus. The addition of this line segment makes clear that the band comprises an elongate length with opposite first and second free end edges, a plurality of angled portions in the band between the first and second end edges, and a plurality of sections of the band length between the first and second end edges where the band sections are separated from each other by the band angled portions.

It is respectfully submitted that, as explained above, original drawings 11 and 12 included all of the subject matter of claims 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, and 22. New drawing Figures 13 and 14 provided herein make clear that the subject matter of these claims was shown in the original drawing figures.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the remarks and amendments presented herein, the application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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